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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: MEDIA ATTENTION REMAINED DIVIDED THIS WEEK BETWEEN DOMESTIC POLITICS AND FOREIGN NEWS--ESPECIALLY NEWS FROM CARTER'S WASHINGTON. DAILY PAPERS ARE CONTINUING THEIR CLOSE ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS ON WITHDRAWING U.S. GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA, ENERGY POLICY AND NUCLEAR FUEL QUESTIONS, STIMULATING THE ECONOMY, THE BUDGET, DEFENSE, DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION, AND EAST-WEST DIPLOMACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. CHIEF INTEREST SEEMS TO BE ON HOW THE IDEALS OF CARTER THE CANDIDATE AND PRESIDENT-ELECT WILL TRANSLATE INTO USG POLICIES UNDER CARTER THE PRESIDENT--ESPECIALLY HOW DIPLOMACY OF REAL-POLITIK CAN BE CONVERTED INTO DIPLOMACY OF MORALITY WITHOUT DESTABILIZING INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURES AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. PROGRAM:

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A. THE FAVAS: BROOKLYN COLLEGE URBAN SOCIOLOGIST SYLVIA FAVA AND NYC BUDGET DIRECTOR JOHN FAVA COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL JAPAN PROGRAMMING LAST WEEK, HAVING MET WITH OVER 200 SPECIALISTS IN URBAN AFFAIRS, SOCIOLOGY, FINANCE AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS. SYLVIA FAVA MOSTLY SPOKE ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF CHANGING AMERICAN POPULATION PATTERNS. JOHN FAVA WAS HIGHLY AUTHHRITATIVE AND SPECIFIC ON THE WHYS

OF NEW YORK'S FINANCIAL WOES AND THE WIDER LESSONS THAT OTHER CITY GOVERNMENTS MAY DRAW FROM THAT EXPERIENCE. MANY OF THE FAVA PROGRAMS WERE CO-SPONSORED WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND CITY ADMINISTRATIONS IN KYOTO, OSAKA, KOBE, TOKYO AND SAPPORO. IN SAPPORO, SYLVIA FAVA SWITCHED TO "THE CHANGING STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE U.S."--RATED A "BEST YET" PRESENTATION OF THE SUBJECT BY HER AUDIENCE OF 20 WOMEN'S AFFAIRS LEADERS IN HOKKAIDO. MODERATOR WAS A HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WHO IS ON THE PREFECTURAL WOMEN'S AFFAIRS COUNCIL STUDYING HOW TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. OVERALL, VERY SOLID AND SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS.

B. DONALD HELLMAN: UNIV. OF WASHINGTON POLITICAL SCIENTIST

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NALD HELLMAN APPEARED AT THE TOKYO AC BEFORE A MIXED AUDIENCE OF 78 GOVERNMENT, MEDIA AND ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF OF NHK'S FOREIGN NEWS DIVISION, FAMOUS PROFESSORS AND OTHERS WHO KNOW HELLMAN WELL. PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS WAS CUT BY HIS STIFF LECTURING STYLE AND LACK OF PREPARATION. HELLMAN SAID U.S. ASIAN POLICY IS DISORGANIZED AND LACKS A STRATEGIC CONCEPT,

TRILATERALISM IGNORES THE REGIONAL INTERESTS OF THE NATIONS INVOLVED, AND JAPAN SHOULD REARM CONVENTIONALLY BECAUSE HER MILITARY POWER IS ASYMMETRIC WITH HER ECONOMIC POWER AND US-JAPAN NATIONAL INTERESTS MAY NOT ALWAYS MESH. HE FURTHER SAID IT MAY PROVE DESTABILIZING IF THE U.S. PROCEEDS TO FACILITATE THE USFK WITHDRAWAL BY HELPING BUILD THE ROKA INTO A SELF-SUFFICIENT FORCE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PRES.

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CARTER'S "MORAL DIPLOMACY" MAY INTERFERE WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING. THE AUDIENCE ARGUED AGAINST SOME OF THESE STANDS DURING THE Q AND A SESSION; AND THE NET POSITIVE EFFECT MAY BE TO BOOST AC CREDIBILITY BY AGAIN PRESENTING A CRITIC OF U.S. POLICY. HELLMAN REPEATED SOME OF THE ABOVE POINTS IN HIS LONG INTERVIEW IN THE 2/24 DAILY "SANKEI", WHICH WAS USIS ARRANGED.

C. FSO PIEZ: EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WILLIAM PIEZ STARRED IN TWO DAYS OF HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMS IN KYUSHU, DISCUSSING CURRENT US-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. BOTH HIS LECTURE/DISCUSSION AND A WORKING DINNER IN KITA KYUSHU WERE CO-SPONSORED WITH THE CITY'S TRADE PROMOTION SECTION, THE LOCAL OFFICE OF JETRO, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY. IN FUKUOKA, THE REGIONAL FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS CO-SPONSORED. THE FAC ARRANGED HIS FUKUOKA DINNER/DISCUSSION WITH THREE ECONOMICS REPORTERS FROM THE LOCAL MEDIA. MR. PIEZ'S STRAIGHTFORWARD, LOW-KEYED STYLE WENT OVER WELL AND HELPED MAKE HIS COGENTLY PRESENTED

POINTS EVEN MORE PERSUASIVE. THE PROGRAMS RECEIVED FAVORABLE
BUT MODERATE PRESS COVERAGE.

3. MEDIA SERVICES

A. A 50-MINUTE NHK-TV NETWORK DOCUMENTARY ON THE U.S. 200-
MILE FISHERY ZONE WAS AIRED 2/17 ON PRIME EVENING TIME,
PROVIDING USEFUL NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES
OF THE NEW LAW. U.S. COAST GUARD FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE,
ARRANGED THROUGH USIA AT POST INSTIGATION, PERMITTED CON-
SIDERABLE HIGH-KIMPACT FOOTAGE TO BE INCLUDED.

B. THE 2/21 DAILY "ASAHI" (NEARLY 7 MILLION CIRCULATION)
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(FEB. 7 FILE) BY ALEZ HALEY ENTITLED "I BEGAN WEeping LIKE
SOME BABY." THE "ROOTS" PHENOMENON IN AMERICA HAS BEEN
REPORTED WELL BY JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS AND DISCUSSED BY
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